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1. MFA HAS PROVIDED US WITH LIST OF BANGLADESHI UNGA
DELEGATES AS GIVEN BELOW. AMBASSADOR KAISER AND HIS STAFF
WILL BE INCLUDED.

2. OFFICIAL MEMBERS.

A. PROFESSOR MOHAMMAD SHAMSUL HUQ, FOREIGN MINISTER. THE
FOREIGN MINISTER, WHO LED LAST YEAR'S DELEGATION, WILL
ATTEND THE EARLIER PART OF THE SESSION BUT WILL TURN OVER
LEADERSHIP TO THE FOREIGN SECRETARY PROBABLY IN THE SECOND
WEEK IN OCTOBER. BIOGRAPHIC DATA ARE CONTAINED IN REFTEL,
77 DACCA 1602 AND 77 DACCA A-58.

B. K.M. SHEHABUDDIN, PRIVATE SECRETARY TO THE FOREIGN
MINISTER.

C. S.A.M.S. KIBRIA, FOREIGN SECRETARY, RECENTLY TOOK OVER
THAT POSITION FROM TABARAK HUSAIN, NOW AMBASSADOR IN
WASHINGTON. WHILE AT HIS PREVIOUS POST AS BANGLADESH
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENEVA, KIBRIA WAS A LEADING SPOKES-
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MAN FOR THE G-77. HE TOOK A PARTICULAR INTEREST IN
ECONOMIC ISSUES AND WAS SELECTED AS G-77 COORDINATOR
FOR PREPARATION FOR UNCTAD-5. ALTHOUGH SOMETIMES QUITE
FORCEFUL IN HIS ADVOCACY OF G-77 DEMANDS, HE HAD
CLOSE AND CORDIAL RELATIONS WITH THE US MISSION. (HE
ATTENDED THE FLETCHER SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL LAW AND
DIPLOMACY, 1954-55.) HE WAS POLITICAL COUNSELOR AT THE

PAKISTAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON WHEN WAR BROKE OUT IN THEN EAST PAKISTAN IN 1971. AFTER LEAVING THE PAKISTAN EMBASSY, KIBRIA HELPED SET UP THE BANGLADESH MISSION IN WASHINGTON. FURTHER BIOGRAPHIC DATA IS GIVEN IN GENEVA 1226. HE WILL ARRIVE IN NEW YORK THE SECOND WEEK IN OCTOBER.

D. MANZOOR AHMED CHOWDHURY, FOREIGN SECRETARY (MANAGEMENT), MFA. CHOWDHURY SERVED IN THE NO. 2 POST AT MFA, ADDITIONAL FOREIGN SECRETARY, UNDER TABARAK HUSAIN. HE WAS RECENTLY PROMOTED TO THE RANK OF SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT ALTHOUGH HE STILL OCCUPIES THE NO. 2 POST UNDER KIBRIA. HE WILL JOIN THE DELEGATION DURING THE FIRST WEEK IN OCTOBER. ALTHOUGH HIS SPECIFIC POLICY RESPONSIBILITIES HAVE APPEARED POORLY DEFINED, HE IS APPROACHABLE AND EXPERIENCED.

E. FAROOQ SOBHAN, DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION AFFAIRS. SOBHAN SERVED BRIEFLY AS DG FOR THE AMERICAS BEFORE ASSUMING HIS PRESENT JOB. PRIOR TO THAT HE WAS DEPUTY CHIEF AT THE BANGLADESH MISSION IN MOSCOW (SEE MOSCOW 5031 FOR ADDITIONAL BIOGRAPHIC DATA). HE HAS SERVED IN CAIRO, BELGRADE AND PARIS BEFORE COMING TO MOSCOW. HE HAD SOME CLOSE PERSONAL TIES WITH THE U.S. MISSION IN MOSCOW AND SEEMS FAVORABLY DISPOSED TO THE U.S. HE SUPPORTS AN ACTIVE BANGLADESH ROLE IN THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT. SOBHAN WILL JOIN THE DELEGATION IN OCTOBER.

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F. ANWARUL KARIM CHOWDHURY, DIRECTOR FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION AFFAIRS, MFA. CHOWDHURY ALSO ATTENDED LAST YEAR'S UNGA SESSION. BIOGRAPHIC DATA IS GIVEN IN REFTEL.

3. UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS:

A. JUSTIC A.F. M. ABDUR RAHMAN CHOWDHURY, IN HIS 40S, IS A JUSTICE OF THE HIGH COURT DIVISION OF THE BANGLADESH SUPREME COURT. HE WAS EDUCATED AT DACCA UNIVERSITY. HE HAS SERVED AS SECRETARY TO THE PAKISTAN HIGH COURT BAR ASSOCIATION AND SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE PAKISTAN BAR ASSOCIATION BETWEEN 1969 AND 1971. HE WAS ELEVATED TO THE BENCH IN 1973. HE IS THE SENIOR OF FIVE LAWYERS IN THE BANGLADESH DELEGATION.

B. LT. C. (RETD.) AKBAR HOSSAIN, IN HIS LATE 30, IS A MEMBER OF THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE OF THE UNITED PEOPLE'S PARTY (UPP) OF WHICH MINISTERS ABDUL HALIM CHOUDHURY AND KAZI ZAFAR AHMED ARE LEADERS. HOSSAIN PARTICIPATED IN PRESIDENT ZIA'S ELECTION CAMPAIGN AND IS BELIEVED TO SUPPORT THE PRESIDENT'S NEW BANGLADESH NATIONALIST PARTY (WHICH THE UPP APPARENTLY WILL NOT

JOIN.)

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C. M. JAMIRUDDIN SIRCAR IS A BARRISTER AND A JAGODAL
PARTY WORKER. HE IS PRIMARILY INTERESTED IN INTER-
NATIONAL LEGAL AFFAIRS.

D. A.K.M. SHAMSUL HUDA, ABOUT 40 YEARS OF AGE, IS A
BARRISTER FROM CHITTAGONG.

E. MRS. SIGMA HUDA. MRS. HUDA IS ONE OF THE FEW
PRACTICING WOMEN ADVOCATES IN BANGLADESH. SHE WAS
EDUCATED IN WEST PAKISTAN AND NOW PRACTICES LAW IN DACCA
WITH HER HUSBAN NAZMUL, A JAGODAL ORIGINATOR WHO HELPED
WRITE THE CONSTITUTION AND MANIFESTO OF ZIA'S NEW PARTY.
MRS. HUDA IS ARTICULATE AND ACTIVE IN ADVANCING THE
POSITION OF WOMEN IN BANGLADESH AND IN HUMAN RIGHTS
GENERALLY. SHE VISITED THE U.S. ON AN ICA INTERNATIONAL
VISITOR PROGRAM GRANT IN 1976. SHE AND HER HUSBAND MAIN-
TAIN CLOSE TIES TO THE WESTERN COMMUNITY IN DACCA. SHE
WILL BE ARRIVING IN NEW YORK IN MID-OCTOBER.

F. ABULFAZAL M. KAMALUDDIN, WHO WRITES UNDER THE NAME
OF FAZAL KAMAL, IS THE EDITOR OF HOLIDAY, A LEFT-LEANING
ENGLISH WEEKLY PUBLISHED IN DACCA. HE WAS ADDED TO
LAST YEAR'S BANGLADESHI UNGA DELEGATION IN MID-OCTOBER
AND WILL ARRIVE THIS YEAR ONE WEEK AFTER THE SESSION
BEGINS. FURTHER BIOGRAPHIC DATA GIVEN IN 77 DACCA 5866
AND 77 DACCA 4174.

G. ATAUDDIN KHAN, ABOUT 50, IS THE EDITOR OF THE
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BANLGADESH ILLUSTRATED WEEKLY, AN ENGLISH LANGUAGE JOURNAL OF CURRENT EVENTS AND ENTERTAINMENT. HE ATTENDED THE UNGA IN 1966 AS A MEMBER OF THE PAKISTANI DELEGATION WHILE A MEMBER OF THE THEN PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY. HE WAS TRAINED AS A CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT. HE HEADED A SMALL CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT FIRM AND TAUGHT ACCOUNTANCY AT DACCA UNIVERSITY UNTIL HIS ELECTION TO THE PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY AS A MEMBER OF THE EAST PAKISTAN MUSLIM LEAGUE. H. DR. (MRS.) NAJMA CHOWDHURY, IN HER 30S, IS AN ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR FOR POLITICAL SCIENCE AT DACCA UNIVERSITY. SHE IS PRIMARILY INTERESTED IN WOMEN'S AFFAIRS AND WILL REMAIN IN NEW YORK UNTIL THE END OF OCTOBER. I. WADUDUR RAHMAN, IN HIS LATE 50S, IS A SENIOR PROFESSOR OF HISTORY AT DACCA UNIVERSITY. J. MUSTAFA KAMAL, ABOUT 40 YEARS OF AGE, IS A FORMER ADVOCATE GENERAL OF BANGLADESH AND CURRENTLY A BARRISTER. HE HAS PARTICIPATED ACTIVELY IN THE BANGLADESH DELEGATION TO THE LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE. HE WILL JOIN THE DELEGATION IN OCTOBER.

4. THE FOREIGN MINISTER AND MOST OF THE DELEGATION WILL ARRIVE IN NEW YORK SEPTEMBER 18 ON PAN AM 001 AT 1705. IT IS UNLIKELY THAT ANY WIFE WILL ACCOMPANY. WE ARE TOLD THAT THE BANGLADESH EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON HAS APPROACHED THE DEPARTMENT REGARDING A NEW YORK APPOINTMENT FOR FOREIGN MINISTER SHAMSUL HUQ WITH SECRETARY VANCE SOMETIME BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 18 AND 30. MFA HAS TOLD US THAT PRESIDENT ZIA DOES NOT REPEAT NOT PLAN TO ATTEND THE UNGA SESSION. SCHNEIDER

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